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indicates that the bulk of the 58th Mech Regt with its tank battalion returned to the Artillery Kaserne in Perleberg prior to 9 October. The motor vehicle [ ] the majority of which are believed to belong to the Third Shock Army, and the tank turret [ ] have not been observed previously with the regiment. The report fails to furnish indications for the identity of the units which returned to the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. Colonel Okulov (fnu) is known to be the chief-of-staff of the division.

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6. [ ] Comment. Some of the motor vehicle [ ] belong to the Third Shock Army. According to direction of drive and load, the train may have carried units of the 348th Engr Bn of the 18th Mech Div which returned to their Ludwigslust post from the exercises of the Third Shock Army.

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7. [ ] Comment. According to motor vehicle [ ] and equipment, the train carried elements of the 88th Engr Regt (?) of the Second Gds Mech Army. [ ] a shipment of units of the regiment passed through Neustrelitz and proceeded toward Neubrandenburg on 7 October. [ ] The engineer soldiers probably participated in the exercises of the Third Shock Army on the Elbe River.

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8. [ ] Comment. These were units of the 34th Arty Div which returned from exercises of the Third Shock Army or the Altengrabow training grounds. According to other reports, shipments of the division left the area of the army exercises on 6 and 7 October.

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